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SUBJ: EVENSEN DISCUSSIONS ON SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH

1. SUMMARY: INFORMAL MEETINGS OF JURIDICAL EXPERTS ON MARINE SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH ON AUGUST 28 AND 29 COVERED ARTICLES 17 TO 33 OF COMMITTEE III SINGLE TEXT. MEETINGS DID NOT REVEAL ANY SHIFTS IN POSITION, ALTHOUGH INDIA TOOK A LESS HARDLINE POSITION THAT IT HAS PREVIOUSLY. END SUMMARY.
2. EVENSEN GROUP DISCUSSIONS PROCEEDED REPIDLY THROUGH MOST OF REMAINING ARTICLES. NO AGREEMENT WAS REACHED AND MOST SPEAKERS FELT THAT ISSUES SHOULD BE PUT ASIDE IN INTEREST OF HAVING FIRST READING OF REMAINING ARTICLES.
3. INDIA STATED THAT IF RESEARCH WAS ONLY SLIGHTLY RELATED TO RESOURCES, IT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED FUNDAMENTAL AND THAT THE REAL QUESTION IS WHETHER THERE IS A DIRECT OR SUBSTANTIAL RELATION TO RESOURCES.

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4. PERU MADE SEVERAL STRONG ATTACKS ON STATES WHICH HAVE PUSHED

A DISTINCTION QUOTE UNDER WHICH ALL KINDS OF THINGS MAY BE DONE AND QUOTE. PERU CITED HOWARD HUGHES RECOVERY OF A RUSSIAN SUBMARINE AS AN EXAMPLE OF ACTIVITIES CONDUCTED UNDER QUOTE THE GUISE OF RESEARCH END QUOTE. COMMENT RECEIVED NO REACTION.

5. MEXICO AGAIN PROPOSED PRESUMPTIVE CONSENT AND ADVOCATED COMPULSORY CONCILIATION IF THE RESEARCHING AND COASTAL STATES COULD NOT AGREE ON THE PROPOSED PROJECT. IN THE EVENT OF CONTINUED DISAGREEMENT, THE COASTAL STATE WOULD HAVE THE RIGHT TO REFUSE CONSENT.

6. USSR SUGGESTED CONSENT FOR BOTH DRILLING AND EXPLOSIVES ON SHELF AND SUPPORTED US ON FACTFINDING PROCEDURE TO RESOLVE DISPUTES CONCERNING RESEARCH. SOVIETS ALSO PROPOSED THAT THEY COULD NOT ACCEPT MEXICAN PROPOSAL THAT COASTAL STATE WOULD HAVE FINAL SAY. AS TO WHETHER RESEARCH PROJECT COULD TAKE PLACE IF THERE WERE UNRESOLVED OBJECTION, SOVIETS SUGGESTED THAT IN CASES OF DIFFERENCES OVER THE RESEARCH PROJECT, NO RESULTS SHOULD BE PUBLISHED WITHOUT COASTAL STATE AGREEMENT UNTIL THOSE DIFFERENCES WERE RESOLVED.

7. ON QUESTION OF RESEARCH IN THE INTERNATIONAL AREA, SEVERAL STATES SUPPORTED THE US PROPOSAL FOR DELETION OF REFERENCES TO INTERNATIONAL AREA IN MSR CHAPTER TO BE DEALT WITH IN COMMITTEE WHILE OTHERS PROPOSED WAITING FOR COMMITTEE I TO PRODUCE POSITION TO THEN BE CONSIDERED IN MSR CHAPTER.

8. US AND USSR HALD PRIVATE BILATERAL DISCUSSION ON INTRODUCTION OF PROPOSED DEFINITIONS OF TWO TYPES OF RESEARCH. DEFINITION OF EXPLORATORY RESEARCH WOULD INCLUDE RESEARCH QUOTE WHICH DIRECTLY PERMITS THE ASSESSMENT AND AVAILABILITY FOR EXPLOITATION OF LIVING AND NONLIVING RESOURCES END QUOTE. SOVIETS HAD SAID THAT THEY WOULD PUT FORWARD DEFINITION WHICH SPOKE OF RESEARCH RELATED TO RESOURCES AND OF FUNDAMENTAL RESEARCH (WHICH WOULD BE ALL OTHER RESEARCH) TO GET TWO DEFINITIONS BEFORE GROUP. WITH OUR STRONG OPPOSITION, HOWEVER, SOVIETS DID NOT INTRODUCE THEIR DEFINITIONS.
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